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#### A TRUE PICTURE OF LA FOLLETTE.

Nothing better illustrates the unbridled intemperance of La Follette's speech and the man's unfitness to serve in any position of responsibility than his malicious attack on the American press at the winner of the Periodical Publishers' association in Philadelphia. Without making an exception he condemned all the newspapers of the country as hired and dishonest and willing deliberately to betray the public interest. That he was there, as he thought, among magazine men whose favor he hoped to win by an infamous slur on the daily publications is certain and the American people owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Don C. Seitz of the Newspaper Publishers' association, who was present as toastmaster, and took occasion to rebuke the demagogue for his slander.

It would be a national calamity to make such a man like La Follette president of the United States. While pretending to serve public interests unselfishly, he has also served the lumber and paper trusts, and now as a candidate for the presidential nomination of the republican party resorts to the most disreputable and contemptible methods to advance himself.

Some newspapers are dishonest and absolutely mercenary in their treatment of public questions, but very few. Likewise some magazines respond only to the same sordid motives, but very few. Considered as a whole and with the great majority of publications—daily, weekly and monthly—judged by what they say and how they stand, the American press is an institution of free government of which every American has a right to be proud and which none has any color of right to assail as did La Follette without facts of circumstances to support his infamous insult.

True, a great many of the American newspapers have been diligently engaged unmasking the senator from Wisconsin. True, many of them have been discussing his candidacy with frankness and with apprehension that the voters of the country would take it seriously. But there lies the value of the newspapers as an agency of instruction and dissemination, and therein the press of today has a power and a usefulness that were not enjoyed by the press when Greeley, Dana, Medill and other brilliant men of the profession were its most distinguished exponents.

We recall how this reckless demagogue charged that the troops were mobilized on the Mexican border to protect the private business interests of the president's brother, how he jumped at the opening offered by the framed-up Controller Bay incident to accuse the president of having betrayed the nation into the hands of the Guggenheim interests, of how he has hurled his invective against all who have dared challenge his ambitions. Time and again he has had occasion to know that he was wrong but never has he had the common decency to offer a word of apology.—Sacramento Union.

#### CAUSE OF HIGH PRICES.

President Taft's message on Alaska was not the only one that he sent to congress on Friday. Another message proposed an international inquiry into the high cost of living, and also a federal commission to make a "searching inquiry into the subject of industrial relations."

The president, recognizing that the increase in the cost of living is assuming world-wide proportions, proposes a world-wide inquiry into the causes. Nothing else than this will get to the root of the matter, because as he very justly says, inquiries that have been undertaken in various countries, or that may be undertaken, are on divergent lines, and are based on different methods of computation and different scales of comparison. An international inquiry, however, would reduce the inquiry on all subjects entered upon to a common basis, and a general result could be formulated thereupon. The president presents this matter in his usual forcible, clear style, and his recommendation will deserve from congress the full endorsement which its importance demands.

As to the federal commission to consider in-

dustrial relations, the president's proposal is for an inquiry by the federal government into all the general conditions of labor in the United States. Here also, it is manifest that a general nation-wide inquiry alone can bring any result that would be entitled to credit, or that would present definite conclusions. Local inquiries would be limited by local conditions and local environments. But, what is required is a general inquiry into the conditions of labor throughout the whole country, including all conditions and all environments.

The purpose of such investigation, as well stated by the president, is "to enlighten and inform public opinion, which of itself will often induce or compel the reform of unjust conditions or the abatement of unreasonable demands." The president is quite right, further, in urging that "unquestionably the time is now ripe for searching inquiry into the subject of industrial relations, which shall be official, authoritative, balanced, and well-rounded, such as only the federal government can successfully undertake." The timeliness of this suggestion is evident by reason of the unrest in labor circles, and of the uncertainty in the public mind as to the pleas made on the one hand by the labor leaders and, on the other, by the representatives of employing corporations. A searching and impartial inquiry by the federal government would get at the facts, and would satisfy the public demand and imperative need for clear information on this much-vexed subject. Congress should agree to both the president's propositions without delay and without any partisan bias.—Salt Lake Tribune.

#### RIVALRY IN NAVIES.

The United States keeps well in the advance in naval construction, its two superdreadnoughts, the Nevada and the Oklahoma, being probably the most powerful battleships yet planned by any nation. They will cost nearly \$6,000,000 each, and, as it has been well remarked, they will be well worth the money as peace-persuaders and warnings against war.

The rivalry between the maritime powers for sea supremacy is very keen. There must inevitably be a cessation of this rivalry before long, because the tremendous expenditures involved in it must bring nations to the bottom of their purses before long; but, while it continues, it is a most interesting rivalry. Germany lately built the great battleship "Moltke," with a tonnage of 18,700, with 50,000 horse-power, and a developed speed of 29.7 knots per hour. Replying to this construction, which was apparently considered by the British as a challenge, the Britons came back with the battleship "Lion," of 26,500 tons displacement, 70,000 horse-power, and an accomplished speed of 31.7 knots. The "Lion" is the fastest great battleship in the world; but, it is likely to be outclassed by some of the newer American constructions.

How long this tremendous struggle for naval supremacy can continue is the question; but it is evident that the United States is in a position to outclass all the world if it chooses to do so, because our resources are greater, our wealth exceeds the wealth of any of the other nations, our public debt is the least burdensome of all, and our capacity, ingenuity, and skill are not excelled anywhere on earth.

The Florida Times-Union has it about right when it says: "When a congressman boasts that he has secured \$50,000 for his district, it is usually true that he voted for 300 other appropriations to get his, and his district is taxed for all of them as for its own. Federal aid is supposed to cost nothing; the truth is that federal appropriations are hanging a millstone 'round the neck of American industry."

The Atchison Globe of January 22nd has a seven-column line across its first page, "Out in Salt Lake City they have prohibited the sale of tobacco on Sunday, but will continue liberal in the matter of wives." Easy, brother! Only to the really pious, virtuous saints does that liberality extend.—Salt Lake Tribune.

Senator Joseph M. Dixon of Montana wants to know about withdrawals of public lands from entry in his state, and as other senators want like information, as to their states, a general show-down is called for. It will be an illuminating showing, one not comfortable for the conservation faddists.

A number of western governors made a tour of the east last fall; and now they invite the governors of eastern states to return the visit this year. It is an excellent idea; in that way the eastern governors might learn something to their advantage.

New York Tribune: "The consecration of the cathedral at Khartoum commemorates at once a great betrayal, unsurpassed heroism, an appalling tragedy, a tremendous vengeance and one of the most remarkable advances of civilization in the history of the world."

In view of the high prices of eggs and of butter, it is suggested that Attorney General Wickesham file complaints against the cow and the hen for forming an unlawful conspiracy in restraint of trade.

From the latest outgiving of Colonel Watterson, we judge that he now accumulated about as severe a disgust with Colonel Harvey as he at the first of the row showed for Governor Wilson.

And now southern democrats are telling Governor Wilson that Bryan's siding with him "won't help him much." Here's a go, indeed! How the old has fallen!

The Russian dancer Plaskowitschakakis is probably no relative to the Greek diplomat, Constantine Papamichalopoulos, now lecturing in this country.

Leat will begin on the 21st. Wonder if it will have any effect on the price of meat.

#### ANNUAL STATEMENT.

Annual statement of the Rhyolite and Pioneer Light Plant of the Nevada-California Power company for the year ending December 31, 1911.

Gross receipts .....\$4,414.85  
Operating expenses ..... 4,760.43

Net deficit .....\$ 345.58  
E. W. BOYD, Auditor.

#### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF the Fifth Judicial District of the State of Nevada, in and for the County of Nye.

In the matter of the estate of Malcolm Larsen, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed and qualified by the district court of the Fifth Judicial district of the state of Nevada, in and for the county of Nye, as administrator of the estate of Malcolm Larsen, late of said county, deceased. All creditors having claims against said estate are required to file the same with proper vouchers attached, with the clerk of the court, within forty days of the first publication of this notice.

Dated January 20th, 1912.

R. P. STENSON,  
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